

Allowance of the application is hereby requested.

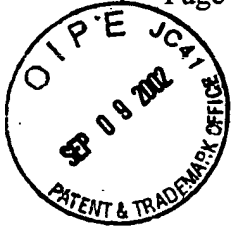
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41. (Amended) A signal coupling network for coupling any one of N1 inputs to any one of N2 outputs comprising:

a plurality of substantially identical, static, $K \times K$ signal interconnect modules wherein each [receives K^2 input signals,] contains K^2 input lines, where $K < N1$, and couples them to K^2 [outputs] output lines.